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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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The Applicants submit this paper in response to the March 22, 2002 Office Action, which set a one month shortened period of response extending to and including April 22, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application.

The Office Action alleges that the reply filed on 02/06/02 was not fully responsive as it "failed to include a listing of all the claims readable" on the elected species. In response, the undersigned hereby identifies claims 1-3, 8-10, 15-17 and 20 as being readable on the elected species and elects them for further prosecution on the merits.

CONCLUSION

The undersigned requests examination on the merits in light of the comments provided above.